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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Pellagra—Reporting of Cases of—Duties of Health Officer. (Ord. May 27, 1913.)

That every person in charge of any patient in the District of Columbia who is suffering from pellagra, immediately after becoming aware of the existence of such disease shall send to the health officer of said District a certificate, written in ink, signed by such person, stating the name of the disease, the name, age, sex, and color of the person suffering therefrom, and the school which he or she has attended, if any, and setting forth by street and number, or by other sufficient designation, the location of the house, room, or other place in which said patient can be found. When said patient recovers or leaves the District of Columbia said person in charge, as soon as possible thereafter, shall send to the health officer of said district a certificate, written in ink, certifying to that fact; but in event of the death of such person, the filing of the usual death certificate required by law shall be a sufficient report of that fact.

SEC. 2. The term "person in charge of any patient," as used in these regulations, shall be held to mean, first, each physician in attendance on, called in to visit, or examining a patient, unless called in to visit or examining the patient solely as a consultant to a physician already in attendance; second, in the absence or disability of any physician aforesaid, or in event of default on the part of such physician, the head of the family to which the patient belongs; third, in the absence or disability of such person, or in event of default on the part of the physician aforesaid, the nearest relative or relatives of such patient present on the premises and in attendance on such patient; fourth, in the absence or disability of all persons aforesaid or in the event of default on the part of the physician aforesaid, every person in attendance on such patient. And in the cases of physicians and of persons acting in the capacity of physicians, attending, visiting, or examining any patient suffering from pellagra, shall be prima facie evidence that any person so doing was aware of the nature of such disease.

SEC. 3. The health officer shall make such investigations into the nature and origin of cases of pellagra occurring in the District of Columbia as in his judgment may be necessary, and shall cooperate with persons having charge of patients suffering from pellagra as he deems needful for the determination, if possible, of the origin of the disease. And in the discharge of each and every of the duties herein imposed, the health officer may act not only in person but also through employees in the service of the health department, duly designated by him for that purpose.

SEC. 4. No person shall interfere with the health officer or with any officer, employee, or agent of the health department in the enforcement of these regulations.

SEC. 5. Any person who violates any of the provisions of these regulations shall be punished, upon conviction thereof, by a fine not exceeding \$50 for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense, by a fine not exceeding \$100.

INDIANA.

Rats, Extermination of—Teaching Hygiene in Schools. (Chap. 220, Act Mar. 14, 1913.)

SECTION 1. *Rats—Extermination—Teaching hygiene in schools.*—That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, company, or corporation owning, leasing, occupying, possessing, or having charge of any land, place, building, structure, stacks, or quantities of wood, hay, corn, wheat, or other grains or materials, or any vessel or water craft, to permit the same to become rat infested, and it shall be the duty of any such person, firm, copartnership, company, or corporation, upon any knowledge or notice, to at once proceed and to continue in good faith to endeavor to exterminate and destroy such rats by poisoning, trapping, and other appropriate means such as may be suggested by the State board of health or the local health officers. And it shall be the duty of the trustees of the several townships and the boards of school trustees of the several cities and towns in the State, to make provisions in the public schools under their jurisdiction for the illustrative teaching of the anatomy, physiology, and hygiene of the human system; the effects of alcohol and nicotine; the cause and course of consumption; the dissemination of diseases by rats, flies, and mosquitoes and the effects thereof, and the prevention of diseases by the proper selection and consumption of food.

SEC. 2. *State board of health—Inspectors—Duties.*—The State board of health and inspectors appointed by such board and local health officers and inspectors appointed for the purpose, as hereinafter provided, shall have authority and shall be permitted to enter into and upon all lands, places, buildings, structures, vessel, or water craft for the purpose of ascertaining whether the same are infested with rats and whether the requirements of this act as to extermination and destruction thereof are being complied with: *Provided*, That no building occupied as a dwelling, hotel, or rooming house shall be entered for such purpose except between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of any day.

SEC. 3. *Appropriation—County commissioners.*—The board of county commissioners, with the consent of the county council of each county, and the town board of any town or the common council of any city, whenever it may by resolution determine that it is necessary for the preservation of the public health or to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious disease, communicable to mankind, or when such board shall so determine that it is necessary to prevent great damage to crops, grain, food, or other property, may appropriate moneys for the purchase of, and may purchase, poison, traps, and other materials for the purpose of eliminating and destroying rats in such county, town, or city, and may employ and pay inspectors, who shall have authority to and shall prosecute such work of extermination and destruction under the direction of such board or the local health officer, or board of health, on both private and public property in such county, town, or city, and such inspectors shall have authority, when necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act, to dig into the ground, to remove parts of floors, walls, or other parts of buildings or structures, or to remove, from one place to another on the premises, any other property when reasonably necessary to do so: *Provided*, That such inspector or inspectors, after taking the necessary steps for the discovery and destruction of rats on any premises, shall restore the said premises, as far as may be reasonably practicable, to the condition in which the same were found.

SEC. 4. *Expense of extermination—Lien.*—Whenever any person, firm, copartnership, company, or corporation owning, leasing, occupying, possessing, or having